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As below-named inventor, I hereby declare that my residences, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled COMPACTED LACTIC ACID MENTHYL ESTER described in the specification.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>			<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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